

Amendment to the Specification

The Paragraph beginning at Page 1, lines 3-5, is to be amended as follows:

This is a Continuation-In-Part of US Application No. 09/693,301, filed on October 20, 2000 (still pending), which is a Continuation-In-Part of US Application No. 09/575,187, filed on May 23, 2000 (still pending).

The Paragraph beginning at Page 88, lines 4-8, is to be amended as follows:

The absorption spectra for compounds 5 to 12 were calculated and are given in Figures 694 to 768 respectively. As can be seen from the spectra, the compounds in accordance with the present invention have absorption peaks of at least about 950 nanometers and a high ratio of infrared absorption at the compound's peak position to the absorption in the visible region.